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PENDING APPLICATIONS FOR PCO BOOTHS
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of applications pending for installation of PCO booths in various districts, specially in Haridwar, Rurkee, Laxur of Uttaranchal; and

(b) the steps taken by the Government to clear the pending PCO applications?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (DR. SHAKEEL AHMAD)

(a) Sir, as on 31.7.2005 a total of 51 applications are pending in Uttaranchal which are for Dehradun district only. No applications are pending in any other district of uttaranchal including Haridwar, Rurkee and Laxur.

(b) Steps taken/proposed for early clearance of the pending applications are:-

(i) Making technically non-feasible (TNF) areas feasible by laying underground cables.

(ii) Planning of WLL systems and expansion of existing systems in areas where it is not feasible to lay underground cable.

(iii) Planning of additional WLL-Towers (BTSs) to cover areas with weak signals.
(iv) Procurement of Fixed Wireless Terminals (FWTs).